

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 640 - SB 784

March 12, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes governmental animal control agencies, in counties with a population less than 300,000, to utilize licensed veterinarians on an “on-call” basis instead of employing a veterinarian full-time.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$10,000

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, the bill will not fiscally impact the Department or affect any programs currently administered by the Department.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-144(c), chemical capture of a dog or cat must be performed by a licensed veterinarian, a licensed veterinary technician supervised by a licensed veterinarian, or a certified animal chemical capture technician.
- Due to multiple unknown factors, including but not limited to, the number of local government animal control agencies currently utilizing chemical capture, the frequency that animal control agencies utilize chemical capture, current local government expenditures for full-time licensed veterinarians, and the “on-call” rate that such veterinarians would require, a precise decrease in local government expenditures cannot be quantified; however, the recurring decrease in local expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000 statewide.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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